10: Bush--299 [2] T-3 (1865-67) 1871 5 Yakut
116, 306, 321, 531

"They possess considerable intelligence, and display much acuteness in bargaining, but are particularly remarkable for their ingenuity in manufacturing jewelry, trinkets, and metal-work of all kinds, and in carving ivory after the manner of the Chinese and Japanese. Some of their designs are very beautiful."

17: Erman--330-331 N-3 (1828-29) 1850 Yakut
116, 306, 171, 177, 524

"When the work was finished, the girls began to employ themselves in the yurt with the business of decoration. In an elaborately made box of birch-bark they had treasured up some studs of brass and lead, beads, and old brass springs. These last were cut into small pieces, and strung with the studs and beads so ingeniously, that a very pretty ornament for the head was made with very poor materials. The Yakut had lent the girl his assistance in making this band, at her earnest request. I was more surprised at another of their amusements, respecting which, however, I subsequently learned, that it is much in vogue with all the Yakuts and Tunguzes. (1) A pack of cards, so much

1. The Tunguzes, in the circle of Koluimsk, are passionately fond of chess. They carve the chessmen very elaborately out of mammoth's teeth. These northern nomades probably received their acquaintance with this game, and taste for others, from China at a very early period.

worn out as to be hardly recognisable, was brought to light from a corner of the yurt. They played, two at a time, in turns, with-[331] out any stake, but very eagerly. The Russian names of the cards are those used here."